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Subject: FW: FEMA Surge Deployment request for volunteers
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Subject: FEMA Surge Deployment request for volunteers

R7 Managers,

Last Friday we all received a mass mailer from HQ regarding DHS/FEMA's request for federal volunteers under their Surge Force program to assist FEMA's efforts in response to hurricanes Harvey and Irma. At this time I am not aware that R7 has had any applicants/volunteers (see list of all agency-wide volunteers thus far below).

Should you have staff that ask about or seek your approval to volunteer please remind them of EPA's required Health & Safety and medical screening requirements for any field activity deployments, per the email immediately below from Dave Gibson, Director of EPA HQ's Safety and Sustainability Division (SSD). If there are any questions about the H&S medical screening requirements, please contact Roy Krueger (913-551-7296).

In addition, for regional awareness, please notify Pat Price in our HR office(913-552-7575) in the event you do have staff apply.

Thanks,

Mike



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Subject: FW: FEMA Surge Deployment - status

SHEMP Managers,

Please see the latest official list of potential FEMA deployments. HR is on point regarding this effort and they have been told that these deployments are to staff the FEMA call center only. With that said it would appear field work is not in the plans for any EPA employees being deployed to FEMA at this point in time. However, we all know these response activities are fluid and often office personnel are asked to conduct field response activities. In addition, the FEMA guidance provided below certainly would indicate that field work is most definitely a possibility. With that in mind I still recommend attempting to have all EPA staff deployments meet our H&S training, medical screening and PPE requirements if possible. Given that some of these deployments are scheduled to start on 9/22 and 9/26 I realize it will be tough to get this done on such a short notice. Hopefully some of these volunteers have already reached out to you for guidance. **At a minimum these employees should be informed, prior to deployment, that they are not approved for any field activities without first meeting EPA's minimum H&S training and medical screening requirements.**

The HR point of contact is Bobby Moore working with Wes Carpenter. I will work with Wes and Bobby to provide you any additional updates as we receive them from FEMA.

Thanks for your support.

Other Information for Prospective Volunteers from Federal Agencies

Basic Requirements

- You must be physically able to work in a disaster area (without refrigeration for medications) and have the ability to work in the outdoors all day.
- You must be willing to work long hours under arduous and traumatic conditions. Some days, you will be working up to 10 to 12 hour shifts. Some work may involve door-to-door communications.
- You must have an EPA PIV card and a Government travel card.

Key Roles of Assigned Personnel (in addition to other tasks to be performed)

- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with disaster-affected communities and the citizens of those communities.

- Collect and disseminate information and make referrals for appropriate assistance.
- Identify potential issues within the community and report to appropriate personnel.
- Convey a positive image of disaster operations to government officials, community organizations and the general public.
- Perform outreach with community leaders on available Federal disaster.

Training to be Provided and Post-Training Deployment

- If selected for deployment, you can expect to start deploying within the next two weeks, including participating in FEMA-sponsored orientation training at Anniston, AL, and will likely be deployed to a FEMA disaster site immediately following the training. The details of the training will be provided by FEMA. FEMA will determine destinations following training and work with you to arrange for transportation to the volunteers' assigned location.

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Hello Linda,

We've sent to FEMA a total of 10 volunteers as of yesterday. We have a total of 6 that came that will be sent this morning to FEMA. I have 3 that I'm still waiting for proper approval. A total of 19 Volunteers as of this morning.

AAShip/Region breakdown.

1 = OA
 1 = OEI
 6 = OARM
 1 = OW
 1 = OCSPP
 4 = ORD
 2 = REG 6
 2 = REG 9
 1 = REG 10

Thanks

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